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SUBJ: PRE-ELECTION PICUTURE IN BINH LONG AND PHUOC LONG

1. BOTH BINH LONG AND PHUOC LONG ARE LOW-PRIOIRITY III CORPS PROVINCES AND IN NEITHER IS THERE MUCH VOETER INTEREST OR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY. SECURITY AND ECONOMIC WELL-BIENG ARE PARAMOUNT TO THE POPULATIONS IN THESE PROVINCES, WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON THE GVN FOR BOTH. THE ONLY QUESTION APPEARS TO BE HOW GREAT THE THIEU-KY SLATE'S VICTORY WILL BE.

2. IN BINH LONG, WITH A REGISTERED VOTE OF 28,213, THERE ARE FEW CANDIDATES' REPRESENTATIVES AND EVEN THE VIS GET-OUT-THE

VOTE CAMPAIGN IS A TOKEN EXERCISE. THE OPENING OF ROUTE 13

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TO TRAFFIC LAST MONTH HAS INCREASED THE POPULATION'S EXPECTATION OF IMPORVED ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND THIS WILL BENEFIT THE GVN TICKET.

3. PHUOC LONG HAS ONLY 20,981 REGISTERED VOTERS, 7,000 OF WHOM ARE MONTAGNARDS. A LARGE THIEU-KY MAJORITY IS EXPECTED. IN CONTRAST TO BINH LONG, THE PHUOC LONG VIS HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION MATERIAL. VOTER INTEREST AND CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY IS HOWEVER, MINIMAL.
4. THERE IS SOME CONCERN IN PHUOC LONG AS WELL AS IN BINH LONG OVER VC ANTI-ELECTION ACTIVITY. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS THREATS BY THE ENEMY AS WELL AS ONIMOUS ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENTS.

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